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PATENT

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Present Application:

Applicants : Donald S. Karanewsky et al.
Title : (SUBSTITUTED) ACYL DIPEPTIDYL INHIBITORS OF THE
ICE/ced-3 FAMILY OF CYSTEINE PROTEASES
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Prior Application:

Application No. : PCT/US99/24756

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"
as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a Continuation of pending United States Patent Application
No. PCT/US99/24756, filed October 22, 1999; which claims priority to U.S. Patent Application
No. 09/177,546, filed October 22, 1998 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,242,422 on June 5, 2001.

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Please add the following Abstract:

-- ABSTRACT

This invention is directed to novel (substituted) acyl dipeptidyl ICE/ced-3 family inhibitor compounds. The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds, as well as the use of such compositions in the treatment of patients suffering inflammatory, autoimmune and neurodegenerative diseases, for the prevention of ischemic injury, and for the preservation of organs that are to undergo a transplantation procedure. --

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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